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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO.

ITEM NO: WH-1

DATE: 26 SEP 74

SUBJECT: RUMORS OF IMPENDING MILITARY MOVE AGAINST LON NOL

RUMORS ARE AFOOT IN PHNOM PENH OF AN IMPENDING MOVE AGAINST THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT BY SENIOR CAMBODIAN ARMED OFFICERS. ALTHOUGH UNFOUNDED COUP RUMORS HAVE EMERGED DURING TIMES OF STRESS IN THE PAST, THE CURRENT RUMORS ARE PARTICULARLY WORRISOME GIVEN THE CONTINUING PUBLIC DISCONTENT WITH RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED ECONOMIC REFORM MEASURES. THIS DOMESTIC BACKLASH COULD EMBOLDEN SENIOR OFFICERS WHO ARE RANKLED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, OVER THE RECENT RETURN TO PHNOM PENH OF BRIGADIER GENERAL LON NON, PRESIDENT LON NOL'S YOUNGER BROTHER. A NUMBER OF UNIT COMMANDERS IN THE PHNOM PENH AREA RECENTLY CLAIMED THAT THEY WOULD JOIN WITH THEIR TROOPS IN SUPPORT OF ANY MOVE AGAINST THE

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